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SUBJECT: KANAGAWA GOVERNOR DECLINES TO RUN

1. BUNGO TSUDA, CONSERVATIVE GOVERNOR OF KANAGAWA PREFECTURE (WHERE YOKOSUKA, CAMP ZAMA AND OTHER MAJOR BASES ARE LOCATED) ANNOUNCED UNEXPECTEDLY OCTOBER 16 THAT HE WOULD NOT SEEK THIRD TERM IN APRIL 1975 ELECTION BECAUSE OF ILL HEALTH. CONSERVATIVES ARE UPSET BY THIS ANNOUNCEMENT BECAUSE, DESPITE HIS HEALTH CONDITION (HEART TROUBLE AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE), HE IS STILL RELATIVELY YOUNG (57), AND HE HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO RUN AND TO WIN HANDSOMELY DESPITE THE STRONG LEFTIST TREND IN THE PREFECTURE. A MEMBER OF TSUDA'S STAFF TOLD EMBOFF THAT CONSERVATIVES HAVE THUS FAR COME UP WITH TWO POSSIBILITIES, ICHIRO SATO AND KENZO KONO, WHO ARE WELL-RETARDED POLITICAL LEADERS IN KANAGAWA.

2. OPPOSITION GROUPS HAVE THUS FAR AGREED ON ONE POSSIBILITY, KAZUJI NAGASU, AN ECONOMICS PROFESSOR AT YOKOHAMA NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, WHO IS FAIRLY
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WELL KNOWN BECAUSE OF HIS TV APPEARANCES AND MAGAZINE

WRITING AS MODERATE-LEFTIST CRITIC OF GOJ ECONOMIC
POLICIES. HE HAS NOT YET SAID HE WOULD RUN FOR
ELECTION ALTHOUGH HE HAS BEEN ENDORSED JOINTLY BY THE
SOCIALISTS AND THE KOMEITO. JCP HAS WITHHELD SUPPORT
THUS FAR BECAUSE OF NAGASU'S SEVERE CRITICISM OF THE
PARTY. AS FAR AS WE KNOWN, NAGASU HAS NOT YET
EXPRESSED HIMSELF PUBLICLY ON THE MUTUAL SECURITY
TREATY OR US MILITARY PRESENCE IN JAPAN.
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